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In re Application of:

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HETEROCYCLIC CARBOXYLIC  
ACIDS AND CARBOXYLIC ACID  
ISOSTERES

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## RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action dated September 19, 2001. The three-month shortened statutory period for response is set to expire December 19, 2001.

Accordingly, this Response is filed within the time period for reply set by the Examiner.

In view of the following remarks, applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections, and to issue a notice of allowance for all claims pending in this application - claims 90-107.

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